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Committee Bill No. 5262

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES USED
FOR ILLEGAL STREET RACING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly
4 involved in an accident which causes serious physical injury, as
5 defined in section 53a-3, to or results in the death of any other person
6 shall at once stop and render such assistance as may be needed and
7 shall give his name, address and operator's license number and
8 registration number to the person injured or to any officer or witness
9 to the death or serious physical injury of any person, and if such
10 operator of the motor vehicle causing the death or serious physical
11 injury of any person is unable to give his name, address and operator's
12 license number and registration number to the person injured or to any
13 witness or officer, for any reason or cause, such operator shall
14 immediately report such death or serious physical injury of any person
15 to a police officer, a constable, a state police officer or an inspector of
16 motor vehicles or at the nearest police precinct or station, and shall

17 state in such report the location and circumstances of the accident
18 causing the death or serious physical injury of any person and his
19 name, address, operator's license number and registration number.

20 (b) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly
21 involved in an accident which causes physical injury, as defined in
22 section 53a-3, to any other person or injury or damage to property shall
23 at once stop and render such assistance as may be needed and shall
24 give his name, address and operator's license number and registration
25 number to the person injured or to the owner of the injured or
26 damaged property, or to any officer or witness to the physical injury to
27 person or injury or damage to property, and if such operator of the
28 motor vehicle causing the physical injury of any person or injury or
29 damage to any property is unable to give his name, address and
30 operator's license number and registration number to the person
31 injured or the owner of the property injured or damaged, or to any
32 witness or officer, for any reason or cause, such operator shall
33 immediately report such physical injury of any person or injury or
34 damage to property to a police officer, a constable, a state police officer
35 or an inspector of motor vehicles or at the nearest police precinct or
36 station, and shall state in such report the location and circumstances of
37 the accident causing the physical injury of any person or the injury or
38 damage to property and his name, address, operator's license number
39 and registration number.

40 (c) (1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public
41 highway for a wager or for any race or for the purpose of making a
42 speed record.

43 (2) No person shall (A) possess a motor vehicle under circumstances
44 manifesting an intent that it be used in a race or event prohibited
45 under subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) act as a starter, timekeeper,
46 judge or spectator at a race or event prohibited under subdivision (1)
47 of this subsection, or (C) wager on the outcome of a race or event
48 prohibited under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

49 (d) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly
50 involved in an accident on a limited access highway which causes
51 damage to property only shall immediately move or cause his motor
52 vehicle to be moved from the traveled portion of the highway to an
53 untraveled area which is adjacent to the accident site if it is possible to
54 move the motor vehicle without risk of further damage to property or
55 injury to any person.

56 (e) No person who acts in accordance with the provisions of
57 subsection (d) of this section may be considered to have violated
58 subsection (b) of this section.

59 (f) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
60 section shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or be
61 imprisoned not less than one year nor more than ten years or be both
62 fined and imprisoned.

63 (g) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) [or (c)]
64 of this section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars nor more
65 than six hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than one year or
66 be both fined and imprisoned, and for any subsequent offense shall be
67 fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand
68 dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and
69 imprisoned.

70 (h) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this
71 section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars nor more than
72 six hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than one year or be
73 both fined and imprisoned, and for any subsequent offense shall be
74 fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand
75 dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and
76 imprisoned. The motor vehicle being operated by such person at the
77 time of the violation shall be impounded for thirty days and such
78 person shall pay any fees or costs resulting from such impoundment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2009	14-224
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Statement of Purpose:

To discourage illegal street racing by providing that anyone who engages in illegal street racing shall have the motor vehicle being operated by such person at the time of the violation impounded for thirty days.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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